Promotion of foreign capital investment in retail sector

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to approve the proposal regarding promoting foreign capital investment in retail market sector in the country;

(b) if so, the outlines of the said proposal;

(c) whether any assessment has been made of its ill effects on small traders in retail market after implementation of the said proposal; and

(d) if so, the number of small traders in the retail market in the country and how they are going to survive against the foreign capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) (a) to (d) At present there is no proposal before the Government for decision on allowing FDI in the retail trade sector. However the matter is being widely discussed by all stakeholders.

Lifting of ban on onion export

185. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to lift the ban for export of onions; keeping in view the record production and storage of onions particularly in Maharashtra by benefiting the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) (a) As per the extant EXIM Policy, the export of onions is free and is canalized through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), other State Trading Enterprises and authorized co-operative marketing institutions.

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